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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PARTIES FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT

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1. A THIRD INTERPARTY MEETING ENDED NOV 14 WITHOUT REACHING AGREEMENT ON NDP DEMANDS FOR CABINET RESIGNATION AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION (REFTEL). THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGSBV DRP FLOOR LEADER INSISTS THAT COMMITTEE BUDGET SESSIONS MUST RESUME IMMEDIATELY WHILE NDP AGAIN THREATENS BOYCOTT IF AGREEMENT NOT ACHIEVED FIRST.

2. MEDIA REPORTS THAT NDP HAS EXPANDED ITS DEMANDS

TO INCLUDE JOINT GOVERNMENT-OPPOSITION STATEMENT CALLING FOR REFORM OF DOMESTIC POLITICS, GOVERNMENT EXPLANATION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE, AND RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS. NDP ALSO DEMANDING THAT JUDICIARY-LEGISLATION COMMITTEE APPROVE IMMEDIATELY NDP CABINET RESIGNATION BILL AND FORWARD IT TO PLENARY SESSION.

3. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN HAS INFORMALLY TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER
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THAT WITHIN NDP THERE IS DISAGREEMENT. "HARD

LINE" NON-MAINSTREAM FACTION (KO HUNG-MUN, KIM YONG-SAM,
KIM SU-HAN) REPORTEDLY TAKE POSITION THAT PARTY SHOULD
PRESS GOVERNMENT MORE STRONGLY NOW THAT IT IS ON
DEFENSIVE. "MAINSTREAM" (YU CHIN-SAN, YI CHUL-SUNG)
DO NOT WANT SHOWDOWN WITH GOVERNMENT, AND ARE WILLING
TTTO SETTLE FOR SOME LESSER SHOW OF CONCILIATION ON
GOVERNMENT'S PART TO RESOLVE CURRENT IMPASSE. IN FACT,
CONTENDING INTERNAL NDP POSITIONS REFLECT FACTIONAL
MANEUVERING AS MUCH AS DIFFERENT TACTICAL APPROACHES TO
THE SITUATION.
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